

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 258-01
Bill No.: HB 540
Subject: Authorizes counties or a city not within a county to elect between two different juror compensation schemes.
Type: Original
Date: February 22, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| Counties | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) |
| City | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) |
| Local Government | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **City of St. Louis** assume the fiscal impact of the proposal would increase net jury costs to the City from \$696,643 under the current system adopted July 1, 2000 to \$1,419,770 if the city adopted the optional payment plan authorized in the proposal.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would give counties and the City of St. Louis the option of increasing their juror per diem to \$50.00 per day for jurors who serve three consecutive days or more.

If 64 counties paid the \$50/day for three days one time in a year, the cost would exceed \$100,000 ($44 \times 36 = \$1,584$) ($\$100,000 \div \$1,584 = 64$). However, because the \$50 per diem is optional, we have no way of estimating what the additional costs to the counties might actually be.

There would be no additional costs to the state.

Oversight assumes the cost to local governments which might adopt the optional payment plan can not be estimated.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2002 (10 Mo.) | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2002 (10 Mo.) | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS

Counties

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cost - Jury fees | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

City

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cost - Jury fees | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> |
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would authorize counties or a city not within a county to elect between two different juror compensation schemes. The first plan is equivalent to the current jury payment system adopted July 1, 2001. The optional plan allows the counties or a city not within a county to pay jurors who serve over three days \$50 per day to be paid from county or city funds.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

City of St. Louis
Office of State Courts Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett".

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 26, 2001